

Friday, June 11, 2010

To Mrs. Alston Esq. Child Advocate,

We are writing to you, to acquaint you with our case in the hope that you may help us defend our children's rights. Our names are Wenceslao Gonzalez Jr. and Cibeles J. Gonzalez, and we have two sons ages 5 and 3 that were taken from us in Mallorca, Spain on December 19th 2008 without any prior investigation, due to the false accusations of our children's grown half-sisters who had falsely accused us in the past with DCYF on December of 2006. This is the second time that they have falsely accused us. They have never loved our sons and desperately wish for us to divorce, and as a result of this desire have done many things to cause strain on our marriage.

We were reading your mission statement, and thought that perhaps it was worth the effort to acquaint you with our sad case.

We had a lawyer in Spain and our case was in the courts there. We even got to attend one court hearing there, but because our children were deported from Spain at the request of DCYF, who had been called on to intervene by our children's half-siblings (who were also responsible for the removal in Spain), we were not able to proceed with our case in Spain. As a result we had to leave all of our possessions in a port in Barcelona, Spain and return to Rhode Island after two months of trying to obtain enough money for the airfare.

On arriving to Rhode Island we were homeless for two weeks and a half, and despite the fact that we arrived on July 16th 2009 we were not granted visits until September 2009. We were denied due process in Spain and continue to be denied due process here by DCYF who has consistently violated our rights and those of our children. Our children have been placed in the custody of their elder half-sister who was responsible for their removal and deportation in the first place.

DCYF claims that our children's well-being is being protected by being in the home of a half-sibling who is tirelessly seeking to wreck our marriage, and who has shown envy towards our sons in the

past. After months of excessively prolonged pre-trials the false charges of neglect against us were dropped on our trial of May 12th 2010. However, the trial was changed to a “Special Needs” trial, and so this nightmarish situation continues to be prolonged.

Our children really have no special needs, though their behavior has somewhat changed as a consequence of being submitted to chronic neglect for around two and a half to three months by whoever had them in Spain after they were taken from us, and by being in an unloving home here, where it is highly probable that they have been conditioned to behave in a certain way by their half-sister who has her own personal motives (though well disguised) for wanting to see them labeled with conditions that they do not have.

Our eldest son who at 3 ½ years of age knew how to write, draw, and count, has suffered a regression in his learning as a consequence of trauma and possible conditioning.

Our youngest son has also been affected, and both boys have suffered Parent Alienation.

Our youngest son who was 1 ½ years old when removed, and is now three, does not even recognize us as his parents, and is more attached to the young lady that supervises the visits than to us.

Our case may seem surreal but it is a sad reality. You stated in your mission statement that society must remove the barriers that prevent children from achieving permanency, yet this whole case has arisen out of the desire that our children’s half-sisters have to see their half-brothers grow up in a broken home just as they once did when they were children.

Surely such intentions on the part of a foster parent, as well as the fact that such a foster parent can influence DCYF, does not safeguard a child’s possibility of attaining permanency.

In order to improve the child welfare system one must also address abuses and flaws within the DCYF system itself, as no agency can claim infallibility.

We agree with you when you state that children are our most precious resource, and that they deserve our care and protection. It is because we would never harm a child, much less our own, and see now how they are in the “care” of those who can harm them, that we are so passionate in

our quest to protect their rights by safeguarding our own. As you yourself know, children are precious yet vulnerable, and it is precisely due to that vulnerability that one must carefully consider who should be in charge of protecting a child's rights. Most children, due to their tender age cannot effectively seek their own best interests, and so must depend on the sagacious counsel of someone who truly has their best interests at heart. We can say in all certainty and honesty that our children's foster parent does not have their best interests at heart as she, out of irrational spite wishes us to divorce, and wants to see our sons labeled with a multitude of fabricated "conditions". DCYF cannot truly claim to have their best interests at heart, as they are not only partial to our false accuser but have other interests that influence their decisions, be it monetary gain or the refusal to admit that they've made a mistake.

Common sense dictates that in the overwhelming majority of cases those who are best qualified to altruistically protect a child's rights are the child's own parents.

Hence by protecting parental rights we are in most instances protecting children's rights as well. When parental rights, as protected in the Constitution are not upheld, a child can fall victim to others who claim to serve the child's best interests but who are really influenced by their own diverse agenda.

We feel very uneasy about the fact that the social worker (who is fully acquainted with the foster parent's intentions and motives) goes only once a month to investigate. We feel that given the circumstances that are present in this bizarre case, there should be more rigorous supervision of the home in which they are in, as abuse and conditioning could be occurring behind closed doors. If DCYF can supervise how we (who love our sons) interact with them each time that we see them on our bi-weekly visits, they should in all logic doubly supervise the interaction that occurs between our sons and their half-siblings who do not love them.

We also feel that it is important to mention that we were told many months ago that our children have their own lawyer, though we do not know if he has been present at the trial because we have only heard the DCYF prosecuting attorney speak in court and our own lawyers.

If such is the case, then we think that it is ridiculous that our children have their own lawyer, because due to their tender ages (three and five years old) they cannot possibly speak with this lawyer or even begin to defend their own interests. Henceforth, since our sons are too young to be able to defend their own interests, who is speaking to this lawyer?

DCYF? Our children's half-siblings who started this whole mess?

So here we can fully appreciate how tax payer's dollars are wasted on faulty legal processes which only lead to the hindrance of true due process by creating an excessive complexity that opaque the enlightening simplicity of Constitutional law. However, it is possible that by making everything seem so complicated the use of legal loopholes can be administered more efficiently without widespread risk of detection. Justice may require effort and willingness to administer, but it's concept is not complex, and those who make it seem so are more often than not attempting to justify it's future violation.

We are only asking for fairness and due process which are our rights under the Constitution as U.S. citizens. We are sending with this letter info pertaining to our case. Please contact us at our P.O. Box address. We greatly appreciate any input that you can provide us with.

Sincerely,